Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A method for generating a programme for presentation to a user such that the presented programme is made up from a sequence of programme elements each of which is a programme clip taken from at least one distributed programme and each of which represents an event, each programme element being classified on the basis of the event represented by the programme element, each programme element being stored with at least one associated programme element classification code, each classification code identifying a class to which the event represented by the associated programme element has been allocated, and a programme being assembled for presentation to the user by selecting at least one programme classification code and generating an assembled programme in the form of a sequence of programme elements associated with the at least one programme classification code, wherein programme elements are classified using a set of event classes including a plurality of subsets of the event classes, classification of each programme element comprises a classification operator making at least one selection from at least one of the subsets, said selection determining at least one of the subsets from which future selections can be made, and the at least one selection generating the classification code associated with the programme element.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of programme elements representing temporally adjacent events are classified by the classification operator, and classifications of temporally earlier events determine the at least one subset of event classes from which the classification operator may make selections.

3. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the set of event classes contains classes having hierarchical relationships, and the subsets from which future selections can be made are determined by the hierarchical relationships.

4. (Currently Amended) A method according to ~~any preceding~~ claim 1, wherein the at least one subset from which selections can be made is symbolically displayed to the classification operator.

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5. (Currently Amended) ~~An apparatus for carrying out the~~ A method ~~of any preceding claim~~ according to claim 1, wherein each of said event classes has an associated icon.

6. (Currently Amended) A ~~computer program for carrying out the~~ method ~~of any one of claims 1 to 4~~ according to claim 5, wherein selection of an event class comprises selection of an icon.

7. (Currently Amended) A method ~~substantially as hereinbefore described, with reference to the accompanying drawings~~ according to claim 5, wherein each of the said icons is a symbolic representation of events associated with a respective event class.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A method according to claim 1, further comprising operator selection of a subjective assessment of programme element value.

10. (New) A method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting of a set of classes from a predetermined plurality of sets of classes.

11. (New) A method according to claim 1, further comprising user selection of a latency value associated with said user selection.

12. (New) A computer programme for carrying out the method of claim 1.

13. (New) A carrier medium carrying computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to carry out the method of claim 1.

14. (New) A method of classifying programme elements, each of which is a programme clip taken from at least one distributed programme, and each of which represents an event, wherein programme elements are classified using a set of event classes including a plurality of subsets of the event classes, classification of each programme element comprises receiving data indicating selection from at least one of the subsets, said selection determining at least one of the subsets from which future selections can be made, and the at least one selection generating a classification code associated with the programme element.

15. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein each programme element is classified on the basis of the event represented by the programme element.

16. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein each programme element is stored with at least one programme element classification code, and each programme element classification code identifies a class to which the event represented by the associated programme element has been allocated.

17. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein a plurality of programme elements representing temporary adjacent events are classified, and classifications of temporary earlier events determine the at least on subset of event classes from selections may be made.

18. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein the set event classes contains classes having hierarchical relationships, and the subset from which future selections can be made are determined by the hierarchical relationships.

19. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein the at least one subset from which selections can be made is symbolically displayed to the classification operator. -

20. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein each of said event classes has an associated icon.

21. (New) A method according to claim 20, wherein selection of an event class comprises of an icon.

22. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein each of said icons is a symbolic representation of events associated with à respective event class.

23. (New) A method according to claim 14, further comprising receiving selection of a set of classes from a plurality of sets of classes.

24. (New) A method according to claim 14, further comprising receiving selection data indicating selection of a subjective assessment of programme element value.

25. (New) A computer programme for carrying out the method of claim 14.

26. (New) A carry medium carrying computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to carry out the method of claim 14.